COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS)
OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO IMPLEMENT GAS) CASE NO. 96-079
COST INCENTIVE RATE MECHANISMS)

ORDER

On March 1, 1996, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed tariff revisions wherein it proposes to implement certain gas cost incentive mechanisms effective April 1, 1996.

The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- The proposed tariff is hereby suspended for 5 months from April 1, 1996 up to and including August 31, 1996.
- 2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of March, 1996.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

For/the Commission